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Title: Requests the Central Government to implement the facilities and incentives given to the beedi workers.

DR. ASIM BALA (NABADWIP): Sir, Tendu leaves are the main raw material for Bidi. About 20 to 25 lakh people are being engaged in collecting the Tendu leaves. Most of the tribal people are earning their livlihood on the collection of Tendu leaves. About 70 per cent women are working in the Bidi organisation, in Bidi making. The Bidi sector gives about Rs.6,000 to Rs.7,000 crore as a revenue to the Government.

Sir, the owners of the factories are making a lot of profit whereas those who are actually making beedis are not getting anything. Even their wages are being given in a discriminative manner between male and female workers. Male workers are getting Rs.20 to Rs.25 and sometimes even Rs.50 to Rs.60 per day whereas female workers are getting only Rs.15 to Rs.20 per day per thousand beedis. The Government has given some facilities and incentives to the beedi workers. Now, they are demanding identity cards. There are facilities like provident fund and ESI. These facilities are there but the problem is that they are not strictly followed. So, I demand that the Government should take necessary steps so that all the facilities should be properly implemented and thus, the workers enjoy them....(Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : ठीक है, अब आप समाप्त करें। अब नियम ३७७ के अधीन मामले लिए जाएंगे।

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : What happened to my notice?

सभापति महोदय : यह दिलीप कुमार वाला पाइंट तो काफी बार उठ चुका है। अब आप बैठ जाइये।

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, I am on a different point.
SHRI R. MUTHIAH (PERIYAKULAM): Sir, I have given notice on a very important issue pertaining to my constituency. My number is listed as No.53. I had personally given notice to the Parliamentary Notice Office. ... (Interruptions)